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SRI A. R. SUBBIAH MUDALIAR : லொலைடிகளின் பெயர் களேச் சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : அந்த ணொலைடிகள்—

பத்தமடை . . . கார்பெண்டரி. சங்கான்கோவில் . . பிளாக்ஸ்மித் அண்டு மெடல், குருவிக்குளம் . . கார்பெண்டரி. கொப்பம்பட்டி . . . கார்பெண்டரி அண்டு பிளாக்ஸ்மித்,

Provincialization of certain branches of Highways Departmen!

* 176 Q.—Sri K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon, the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any orders have been passed for the provincialization of the Mechanical and Transport Branches of the Highways Department; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question of provincialization of the services of the workers in the Transport and Machinery Repair Yards in the Highways Department is under the active consideration of the Government and a decision in this regard will be taken as soon as the further particulars called for from the Chief Engineer (Highways) are received and examined.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, as early as 1955 an assurance was given by the then Hon, the Minister for Public Works that it will be finalised before 1956-57. Will the Hon, the Minister be pleased to see that at least . . .

MR. SPEAKER: How is this Hon. Minister responsible for that?

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: It is a long pending matter, Sir. I ask whether it will be expedited at least now?

Mr. SPEAKER: The hon. Member must say that the Government gave the assurance and not a Minister.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: The proposal was deferred in view of the reorganization of the States, and the Chief Engineer was asked to bring up the proposal as a Part II Scheme for 1957-58.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR: Sir, this department is given step-motherly treatment in regard to provincialization. Will the Government consider the desirability of merging this department with the Public Works Department?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN: Not at present, Sir.